

**Key Milestones for Scientific Peer Review Panel Process**  
**Wild Rice Sulfate Standard Study**  
**April 16, 2014**

Overview: MPCA has contracted with Eastern research Group, Inc. (ERG) to organize and facilitate a panel to perform an independent scientific peer review of the results from the Wild Rice Sulfate Standards Study and the MPCA preliminary analysis and findings regarding the results.

<u>Key Milestones</u>	<u>Date (Draft – subject to revision)</u>
Contract signed	March 4
MPCA preliminary analysis & related materials provided to ERG	March-April
Panel nomination and selection	March 17 – May 7
Panel selection criteria finalized; announcement of nomination process	March 25
ERG receives nominations	March 26-April 15
ERG screens nominations	April 16-May 7
Peer reviewers selected (ERG)	May 7
Technical charge developed (MPCA & ERG)	March 4 – April 30
Review materials developed and shared	March 4 – May 8
MPCA study, preliminary analysis to ERG	March 25
MPCA receives input on preliminary analysis	March-April 23
MPCA develops review document from preliminary analysis	March-April
MPCA provides final review document and background materials	April 30
Review materials provided to peer reviewers, public	May 8
Panel review (including meeting – schedule is tentative)	May 8 – late June
Peer review meeting announcement	May 27
On-line site for observers to register for meeting	May 27-June 20*
Panel meeting held	Late June-July
Final meeting summary from ERG	Late July

\*Observers will need to register to attend, and indicate if they wish to make brief oral comments.